

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of May 6, 2008 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 24 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-23 have been previously canceled. No new matter has been added. Currently claims 1 and 25-32 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (US 5767926). The Office Action rejects claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592). The Office Action rejects claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Takeda et al. (US 6724452). The Office Action rejects claims 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Yamamoto et al. (US 5657100). The Office Action rejects claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Shimada (US 5710609). The Office Action rejects claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Kim et al. (US 6335776). The Office Action rejects claims 1, 25-27 and 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 6356335) in view of Sukenori et al. (US 5943106). The Office Action rejects claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 6356335) in view of Sukenori et al. (US 5943106) in further view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592). The Office Action rejects claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 6356335) in view of Sukenori et al. (US 5943106) in further view of Shimada (US 5710609). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 24. In the Outstanding Office Action, the claim 24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592). And, claim

24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (US 6356335) in view of Sukenori et al. (US 5943106) in further view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592).

Applicants submit Takatori et al. (US 6504592) is not available as prior art against the instant claims. The present application claims foreign priority to Korean Patent Application No. 1999-31567 filed on July 31, 1999, which is before the filing date of Takatori et al. (US 6504592), and the present invention is a Continuation Application to Application No. 09/629793, filed on Jul. 31, 2000, now Patent No. 6671022. Applicants submitted a certified English translation of Applicants' foreign priority document in the last response filed on February 26, 2008 and file another copy herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Examiner's rejection based upon Kim et al. (US 5767926) in view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592).

And, Kim et al. (US 6356335) is not available as prior art against the claims of the present application because: (1) both Kim et al. (US 6356335) and the instant application were commonly assigned or subject to an obligation of assignment to LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd.; (2) Kim et al. (US 6356335) is a § 102(e) type reference used in a § 103(a) rejection; and (3) the present application was filed after November 29, 1999 (the parent application was filed on July 31, 2000). Therefore, Applicants request the removal of Kim et al. (US 6356335) pursuant to § 103(c). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Examiner's rejection based upon Kim et al. (US 6356335) in view of Sukenori et al. (US 5943106) in further view of Takatori et al. (US 6504592).

Applicants further note that Kim et al. (US 6335776) is not available as prior art because: (1) both Kim et al. (US 6335776) and the instant application were commonly assigned or subjected to an obligation of assignment to LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd.; (2) Kim et al. (US 6335776) is a § 102(e) type of reference used in a § 103(a) rejection; and (3) the present application was filed after November 29, 1999 (the parent application was filed on July 31, 2000). Therefore, Applicants request removal of Kim et al. (US 6335776) pursuant to § 103(c).

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Applicants respectfully submit that no combination of the remaining references discloses the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections. The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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